

# Lake County commissioners hire new budget director

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Lake County commissioners on Tuesday hired Joel A. DiMare Jr. to be the county's new budget director.

DiMare, 24, of Ashtabula, will begin his new position effective Monday and will be paid a starting salary of \$55,000 annually. After a 120-day probationary period, the salary will increase to \$57,000.

He replaces Michael T. Matas, who was hired by the



**DiMare**

will relinquish the budget director role.

DiMare has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania and he is pursuing a master's degree in busi-

ness administration through Mississippi State University's online program. He works for the Ohio Auditor's Office and previously worked for an auditing firm in Mentor after graduating from college.

"I'm excited and I can't wait to meet some of you," DiMare told the audience in the commissioners chambers after a resolution was passed to hire him. "I really look forward to working with you."

Commissioner Raymond

E. Sines welcomed DiMare to the position, which commissioners say is critical especially as the county faces declining revenues.

"In a difficult time, it's nice to have people who are talented and working in this county," Sines said. "As a former auditor, we will be well-served."

Commissioner Robert E. Aufuldish said DiMare's hiring came at a good time as the county prepares to begin the budgeting process for 2012.

Commissioner Daniel P.

Troy said he hopes the new budget director can tap the expertise of Matas and the two can be among the leaders to help commissioners make budgetary policy decisions.

"The front line of making sure people stay within their budgets is going to fall to Joel," Troy said. "I think we'll have a seamless transition and a combined policy-making role between these two positions."

**Scenes from the meeting at News-Herald.com**



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### CT Consultants appoints 3 VPs

CT Consultants has appointed **Thomas B. Gwydir**, **J. Wesley Hall**, and **Christina M. LeGros** to vice president positions.

Gwydir serves as director of CT's Construction Engineering and Observation Division.

Hall oversees CT's Columbus operations and serves as director of the firm's Transportation Division.

Both Hall and Gwydir have been with the firm for nearly 15 years.

LeGros serves as CT's director of marketing and business development.

She is an 11-year employee of the firm.

CT Consultants, based in Mentor, is a provider of municipal engineering professional consulting services.